

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee

Thursday, March 12, 2015

Chair Yerke called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Gilbert Yerke, Duane Paulson, Janel Brandtjen, Jeremy Walz, Tom Schellinger, and Bill Zaborowski. Christine Howard arrived at 1:06 p.m.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Health & Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber, Intake & Support Services Manager Jesus Mireles, Children & Family Services Manager Lisa Roberts, Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj, Clinical Services Manager Joan Sternweis, Senior Financial Analysts Steve Trimborn and Clara Daniels, Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Coordinator Mary Smith, and Dementia Care Specialist Vicki Beduze. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Advisory Committee Reports

Paulson said the ADRC Board discussed concerns with the governor's budget proposal that would allow privatization of some or all long term care services currently provided by the ADRC. He said the "heroin law pillar" is going forward and he really likes the progress that has been made by this group. Only 12 communities in the county have a drug collection program and he believes there are still communities in denial of the heroin epidemic. Yerke suggested a letter be drafted for each supervisor/district urging community involvement. Paulson said another concern is that Narcan (Naloxone) is doubling in price and there is only one supplier in the United States.

Zaborowski indicated the Children & Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC) will soon present their needs list to the Health & Human Services Board. It will include support for parents such as advocacy and finding resources, transitioning youths to the adult system, crisis intervention, and improved therapy and support for youths. Zaborowski said he is sitting in for Joe Vitale and finds this committee very interesting.

Howard arrived at 1:06 p.m.

The CAFSAC also heard a report on increasing suicide rates among both adults and children. Architectural Services Manager Dennis Cerreta was at the meeting and advised upon retirement, he would provide free architectural services for any group that is part of that committee. Yerke said Cerreta has also indicated he would provide his services to the museum as a part-time volunteer.

Yerke gave a report on the last Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Board meeting. Because of block grant funding cuts and new formulas they had to cut public service funding by a percentage. For example, the senior taxis (ADRC) will receive \$7,400 this year instead of \$8,000. Yerke distributed a handout outlining the cuts. Block grant applications are due March 25. He noted CDBG has a new and more user friendly website. Yerke said the board also discussed (and felt it was appropriate for this committee) the importance of offering help to constituents with program procedures and filling out paperwork. At CDBG, they found this to be very helpful and he said it was "quite an eye opener."

Brandtjen reported on the last Joint Conference Committee meeting. The Marsh Country Health Alliance is still working on their medical records but it seems they are catching up on billing. She said we may see a credit of almost \$40,000.

Approve Minutes of 2-12-15

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Schellinger to approve the minutes of February 12. Motion carried 7-0.

Chair's Executive Committee Report of 2-16-15

Yerke said besides ordinances and appointments already approved at the County Board meeting, Internal Audit Manager Lori Schubert reviewed the 2015-2017 audit plan.

Announcements

Robertson advised the Health & Human Services Board's annual public hearing will be held at the Human Services Center on April 2.

Spaeth advised Health & Human Services lobbying day will be held on April 8 in Madison. Those who want to attend should let her know as soon as possible.

Next Meeting Date

- April 16

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Zaborowski to approve expenses for committee members who attend the Health & Human Services lobbying day on April 8 in Madison. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Howard to approve mileage for committee members who attend the Health & Human Services Board's public hearing on April 2 at the Human Services Center. Motion carried 7-0.

State Legislative Update

Spaeth said two human services related areas are affected by the governor's proposed budget. The governor has proposed that the Pretrial Intoxicated Driver Intervention Grant Program be moved to the Department of Health Services (DHS) although they are not transferring the program funding. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau indicated funds will be available in the DHS to cover it. The governor also proposed a wording change that would allow the State to contract with a private firm or resource center for some or all long term care services currently provided by the ADRC. This would not begin until 2017 because the State first needs to get a federal waiver to operate it as such. Yerke asked if Waukesha County has taken on a position on this. Spaeth said no but welcomed feedback.

Update on the Care4Kids Program

Roberts and Mireles were present to discuss this item. Care4Kids is a Medicaid Program developed by the Wisconsin Department of Children & Families and the Department of Health Services that began on January 1, 2014 and includes six counties. The program is administered in partnership with Children's Hospital and its affiliate Children's Community Health Plan, the state's largest

comprehensive, coordinated care for children in out-of-home care in six counties including Waukesha. Care4Kids is a voluntary specialized Medicaid program and only parents/guardians can choose to enroll or disenroll their child(ren) from the program. Roberts said providers in the Care4Kids network are expected to provide services in such a way that reflects trauma-informed principles and recognizes the unique needs of children placed in out-of-home care. Care is coordinated for the child and is inclusive of registered nurses, social workers, and other professionals who work to build relationships between the children and their medical providers, specialty providers and OHC caregivers. The system is aimed at reducing wait lists and shorten wait times for kids to get services.

Answering Yerke's questions, Roberts said the program is fully State funded and at the end of last year 2,400 kids were enrolled, of which, 169 or 7% were in Waukesha County. Mireles discussed Children's Hospital's benchmarks which include out-of-home healthcare screenings (91% completed), initial comprehensive health exams (79%), and completion of the comprehensive healthcare plan (100%). Mireles said an ongoing challenge for the County was the two-day timeframe to schedule an appointment for the child and this was due to staff and foster family workload. County staff had recommended a five-day timeframe but it was denied. He noted 38% were completed in two days and 78% completed in five days. Mireles said they will continue to monitor this and work with the State. Also, some children may have just come from a hospital setting or just seen their doctor. Despite that, the State requires children get the screening anyways. Staff are talking with the State about the impact on the child and while the County believes this is a duplication of services, the State does not. Mireles said they will continue to monitor this also. He indicated 59% of those enrolled were seen within 30 days, 70% were seen within 45 days, and 79% were seen overall. Effort are underway to improve the program and make sure all children are seen and receiving services. Roberts said some excellent things are happening with the program which involve both medical and mental health screenings, trauma education for providers, and improved medication management, specifically for those children on multiple psychotropic drugs. Roberts said overall it is a good program and the only one like it in the country. The program will only get better as issues are addressed.

Ordinance 169-O-102: Accept 2011 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Crisis Intervention Team And Crisis Intervention Partners (CIT/CIP) Training Grant Awarded Through The Wisconsin Department Of Justice (DOJ) And Modify Waukesha County Department Of Health And Human Services - Criminal Justice Collaborating Council 2015 Budget To Authorize Grant Expenditures

Luczaj discussed this ordinance which authorizes the department to accept and appropriate \$50,000 of federal grant funding, awarded through the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ). The grant funding period runs from March 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. This grant will provide training to local law enforcement officers (including municipal police and Sheriff's deputies) and individuals in related professions (e.g., correctional officers, social workers, probation agents) to help properly recognize individuals with mental illness and refer them to appropriate mental health services.

Luczaj said \$36,400 will be used to provide a stipend of \$1,300 per officer (for up to 28 officers) to law enforcement agencies within the county (including the Sheriff's Department) to help cover law enforcement coverage costs that will be needed while their officers complete the week-long training session. Stipends will not be provided for those attending the shorter two-day training for those in related fields and the one-day advanced training session planned later in the year. The remaining \$13,600 will be used to subcontract with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of

Waukesha County to facilitate these training sessions. The DOJ does not allow reimbursements for County indirect costs related to this grant funding. This ordinance has no direct impact on the 2015 tax levy.

Luczaj said since 2010, 154 law enforcement officers from Waukesha County, representing 19 agencies, have taken this training. Eighteen officers are currently signed up for the May 18 class.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Schellinger to approve Ordinance 169-O-102. Motion carried 7-0.

Update on Alcohol Treatment Court

Luczaj indicated the current caseload capacity for Alcohol Treatment Court is between 40 to 45 clients (3rd and 4th OWI offenders). There is no wait list and the current caseload is 40. So far, 30 clients were screened using new tools implemented in November 2014. Of those 30, 23 (or 77%) have scored high risk/high need and are targeted for Alcohol Treatment Court.

Update on Drug Court Funding

Luczaj said there are two funding sources for the Drug Court Program. The Federal grant was scheduled to end last year, however, \$87,000 was unspent at year-end 2014 and an application for a nine month extension was granted through June 30 of this year. Staff also requested to carry over 2014 fund balance into 2015 and that money will be used from July 1 through September 30. The State grant is currently \$142,883 and that will go through the end of December 2015. Luczaj noted she anticipates the same level of State funding next year – a continuation grant. The State grant will again become competitive in 2017. An application will be submitted for a two year/\$200,000 Federal enhancement grant due April 16. If approved, the funding period would be October 2015 through September 2017. This would result in a seamless transition of funding. Grant funds would be used to continue surveying participants and incorporate peer mentoring (extra support) and recovery specialists. This will also aid in getting clients into treatment sooner.

Yerke asked without the enhancement grant, when will the funding end. Luczaj said there is enough funding to take us through all of next year. Howard asked if fundraising was a possibility. Luczaj said a donation page was implemented on the Wisconsin Community Services website, however, donations have been minimal. They have also done several public service announcements. Howard suggested contacting the Waukesha County Community Foundation and noted she is on their advisory board.

Presentation on the Dementia Care Program

Smith and Beduze gave a PowerPoint presentation on Alzheimer's and dementia care. Smith said the State is redesigning their dementia care program. The ADRC received State grant funds to hire a dementia care specialist. Beduze said in 2013, an estimated 5.2 million Americans had Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia. Every 67 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's and it is the sixth leading cause of death in the US. In Waukesha County about 8,544 people have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Of those, 75% live with someone. There are reversible and irreversible symptoms. Smith said everyone with Alzheimer's has dementia but not everyone with dementia has Alzheimer's. Beduze discussed the differences between normal aging and Alzheimer's disease. Staff went on to review goals of the Dementia Care Specialist Program.

Goal #1 is to create a dementia capable ADRC which includes connecting with community partners and identified resources, strengthening the information and referral process, educating ADRC staff on dementia and the role of the dementia care specialist, creating an internal Dementia Cares Committee, coordinating care, and helping transition people and their families throughout the disease process. ADRC resources include evidence based programs, the dementia care specialist, and ADRC staff is available to answer questions about programs and services. All ADRC Specialists are in the process of becoming certified cognitive screeners which Smith explained further. The ADRC has instituted a “best practice” to offer a memory loss screen to the consumer when concerns of memory loss are identified.

Goal #2 involves working with community partners to develop a dementia friendly community. Objectives include increasing awareness of dementia care in the community, increasing awareness of the dementia care specialist’s role in the community, and increasing awareness to County divisions and staff. Also, developing dementia friendly communities and dementia friendly businesses.

Goal #3 is to provide opportunities for people with dementia to remain in their own homes through early identification and intervention, develop a “Memory Care Handbook” for consumers, and develop the Memory Care Connections and LEEPS (Language Enriched Exercise Plus Socialization) programs. Beduze explained the two programs in detail. Community Resources include the SPARK! Program (Jewish Museum of Milwaukee and Milwaukee Public Museum); Memory Cafes (Denny’s Restaurant, Panera Bread Memory Café, Lake Country Libraries Memory Project); Caregiver Intermision, support groups, and educational opportunities (Alzheimer’s Association, WCTC). Other programs include the Savvy Caregiver, adult day centers, Music in Memory, etc. Beduze discussed the Music in Memory program in which she is trained.

Brandtjen left the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Various information and brochures on this issue were distributed.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Walz to adjourn at 2:44 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel Brandtjen
Secretary